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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF UNA PRESS RELEASE WHICH SHULMAN
PLANS TO RELEASE IN MOSCOW: "GROUP URGES STRENGTHENING
OF NON-PROLIFERATION SYSTEM."

QUOTE GROUPS OF CITIZENS IN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE
UNITED STATES HAVE CALLED UPON THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO PRESS
FOR STRICTER NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS AND MORE UNIVERSAL
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF
NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

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IN A SIMULTANEOUSLY RELEASED POLICY STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE SOVIET AND AMERICAN UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATIONS, BOTH GROUPS CALLED FOR FURTHER BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL STEPS TO HALT FURTHER SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. UNDER-SCORING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NPT AS A FIRST STEP TOWARDS "CONTROLLING THE ATOM FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES," THE ORGANIZATIONS, WHICH REACH MILLIONS CONCERNED WITH DISARMAMENT AND DETENTE, URGED EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO GAIN UNIVERSAL SUPPORT FOR THE TREATY FROM THOSE 37 STATES WHICH SO FAR HAVE REFUSED TO SIGN (INCLUDING CHINA, FRANCE, INDIA,

ISRAEL AND SAUDI ARABIA).

THE TWO UN ASSOCIATIONS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING AN INFORMAL NEGOTIATING DIALOGUE SINCE 1968. HALF OF THE DOZEN ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS SIGNED DURING FORMER PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON'S TRIP TO MOSCOW IN 1972 WERE BASED ON THE PANEL'S EARLIER WORK ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

THE STATEMENTS ISSUED TODAY CALLED FOR STRICTER SAFEGUARDS FOR THE PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS TO PREVENT SEIZURE OR THEFTS BY TERRORISTS AND TO MINIMIZE POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS. AS THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION ARE THE MAIN SUPPLIERS OF NUCLEAR POWER AND RESEARCH FACILITIES TO NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPONS STATES, THE TWO GROUPS POINTED TO THE NEED FOR BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL COOPERATION TO CONTROL THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS SO AS TO MINIMIZE THE RISKS OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. THE GREATEST CONTRIBUTION THAT THE TWO SUPERPOWERS CAN MAKE TO STRENGTHEN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NPT IS TO MOVE VIGOROUSLY FORWARD IN THEIR OWN EFFORTS TOWARDS NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, NOTED THAT INTERNATIONALLY CONCERNED PANELS.

"US-SOVIET AGREEMENT ON THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE NPT IS A NECESSARY AND IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE DETENTE PROCESS," SAID JAMES LEONARD, UNA-USA'S PRESIDENT IN NEW YORK. BUT, HE NOTED, MANY QUESTIONS REMAIN AS YET UNRESOLVED. "MAJOR DIFFERENCES STILL EXIST, FOR EXAMPLE, IN OUR APPROACH AND THAT OF THE SOVIETS TOWARDS INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OVER NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES," HE SAID.

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TIONAL CONTROL OVER NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES," HE SAID.

CONTROL OVER PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS (PNES) HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF INTENSE DEBATE IN THE UNITED STATES. THE AMERICAN PAPER, VIEWING THIS AS A "LOOPHOLE" THROUGH WHICH MANY NATIONS MIGHT ACQUIRE NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES, RECOMMENDS THAT THESE EXPLOSIONS BE ENDED. BUT THE

SOVIETS SEEM UNWILLING TO JOIN IN EVEN A TEMPORARY HALT TO THESE EXPLOSIONS BECAUSE OF THEIR POSSIBLE ECONOMIC VALUE.

THE REPORT, ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF A MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO UN ASSOCIATIONS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PARTICIPANTS AT THE NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE, SCHEDULED TO CONFENE IN GENEVA MAY 5.

THE AMERICAN PANEL, HEADED BY W. MICHAEL BLUMENTHAL, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BENDIX CORPORATION, INCLUDES MARSHALL B. SHULMAN, PROFESSOR IN THE RUSSIAN

INSTITUTE OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, ROBERT KLEIMAN, A MEMBER OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF THE NY TIMES, LINCOLN BLOOMFIELD, PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AT MIT, CHARLES YOST, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON US-CHINA RELATIONS, AND ELMORE JACKSON OF THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION.

THE SOVIET GROUP IS REPRESENTED BY VARIOUS PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS AND BY MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE ON US STUDIES AND THE INSTITUTE ON WORLD ECONOMY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF THE SOVIET ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. UNQUOTE.

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